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Mr. Ben Laughter  
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RE: IEPA vs. Escast  
EPA File #6984

Dear Mr. Laughter:

On Friday, May 25th, your consultant, Mr. Kevin Lehner, contacted Ted Denning and Ken Bechley with requests for emergency permits to dispose of the lagoon water. He stated at that time, that because of the recent rain, the lagoon free-board had been eliminated and that more height had been added to the concrete sidewalls to try and contain the contents. I attempted to reach you by phone at your Oak Brook number, but received no answer. I presume because of the holiday your offices were not open. I then attempted to reach Jerrie Brown at the plant at approximately 2:30 p.m. and was told he would not be available until the following Tuesday. I then called Mr. Lehner directly. I stated to him our concern about any overflow of the pit. He stated that arrangements had been made with Petro-Chem, among others, to provide on-site storage of the pit liquid, on short notice. I agreed that siphonage of the liquid into containers and short-term on-site storage would be one acceptable way to deal with the threatened overflow.

Since that conversation with Mr. Lehner, I have discussed the situation with Ken Bechley, Ted Denning and our Regional Coordinator, Major Hearn. We are agreed that very prompt action is necessary to deal with the situation. The Agency requests Escast to do the following:

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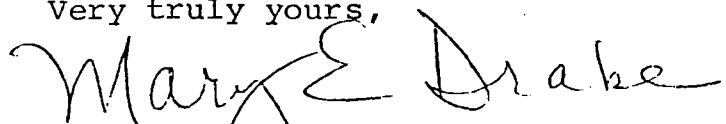
1. Complete final disposal of the liquid now in the pit within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. This will require proper permits from the land division. We will attempt to assist your consultant in applying for permits and will also expedite the needed permits to the extent we are able to do so under the Environmental Protection Act.

2. Submit completed closure plan to the Permit Section of the Division of Land Pollution Control, 2200 Churchill Road, Springfield, Illinois 62706, within 45 days from your receipt of this letter. (You are reminded that prior to such submission, Escast must also apply for a RCRA, Part A, Surface Impoundment Permit, from U.S. EPA. We have stated this requirement to your consultant previously.)

If items 1 and 2 have not been completed by the stated time periods, agency enforcement management procedures require me to refer an enforcement case to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General or to the States Attorney of DuPage County.

We continue to be available to help to the extent we are able. However, these time periods cannot be extended and I urge you to take immediate action on the above items.

Very truly yours,



Mary E. Drake  
Attorney  
Enforcement Programs

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cc: Major Hearn - Regional Coordinator  
Ted Denning - DWPC-FOS  
Ken Bechley - DLPC-FOS  
Dan Ray - DWPC-CAS  
Steve Ewart - Senior Attorney - Enforcement Programs  
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